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Dues increase approved at Clan Henderson AGM

At this year's Clan Henderson Society Annual General Meeting in Olcott, New York, it was proposed that annual dues be increased by five dollars. This proposal was voted on and approved.

The decision was reached reluctantly, but postage costs have risen dramatically and it has been many years since the organization raised the dues amounts.

Even at twenty dollars, annual dues are still lower than many, many clans.

International dues will remain at twenty dollars as most mailings to international members are being done electronically.

The rate increase will be effective as of June first of 2015.

If any member wishes to pay for multiple years, before the rate hike goes into effect - that is acceptable.



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 • McKendree • Kendric and other versions of MacEanruig, which means "Son of Henry"

Welcome Ceud Mile Failte! (100,000 Welcomes!)

Clan Henderson Society brand, spanning new members (AKA Cousins!) who joined us in September, October and November! We are truly delighted that you have chosen to join us.

From our Far-South Region: Joella Broussard from Austin, Texas; Gier Henderson from Russelville, Arkansas.

From our Great Lakes Region: Eric Henderson Foster from Rockford, Illinois; David A. Henderson from Hudson, Ohio; Tamilyn Henderson from Petoskey, Michigan; Donald O. Henderson, Jr., from Mount Pleasant, Michigan; Jennifer L. Henderson from Chardon, Ohio.

International new member: Vaughn N. Henderson from Auckland, New Zealand.

Mid-Central Region: Jim Henderson from Fletcher, Missouri; Michael Henderson from Lawrence, Kansas.

Mid-East Region: Jeanne Celli from Greensburg, Pennsylvania; James Cipolina from Manassas, Virginia; Elicabeth Dechent from Henrico, Virginia; Tim Fite from Midlothian, Virginia; Judith Irving Gindhart from North Chesterfield, Virginia; Henderson Hall Plantation in Williamstown, West Virginia; Thomas Henderson from Williamsburg, Virginia; Stephanie Mayle from Fairmont, West Virginia; Amy M. Henderson McCollum from Portsmouth, Virginia; Malcolm Myers from Richmond, Virginia; Paul W. Self from Chesterfield, Virginia.

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Henderson of Youngstown, New York; William James Henderson, III of Sanborn, New York; William McKendrick of Tonawanda, NY; Thomas Prohn of Tonawanda, New York; William Kennedy Prohn of Kennedy, New York; Jim Smith, of Grand Island, New York.

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South Pacific Region: Carole Aldstadt of Modesto, California; Crystal Burchnell of Visalia, California; Jack L. Henderson of Newark, California; Mary Ellen Kujawski of Seaside, California; Kathleen Lewis of Modesto, California.

South West Region: L. Mason Henderson of Evergreen, Colorado; Tommy Henderson of Fredericksburg, Virginia and Joe Williams of Magdalena, New Mexico.

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The President's Message

Larry James Henderson

In the last edition of *AnCanach* I told you a little about our trip to Scotland.

Well, I intentionally left a part out about a side trip to the Glencoe massacre sight.

As Kari Henderson was walking into the reception center she saw a wooden bench with a small plaque on it in dedication to some folks from the USA. She looked at me and said, "We should do this for Loulie and David."

David Henderson is our High Commissioner and North American Chieftain and Loulie is his wife.

We went to the desk and were directed to speak with the facility manager. He told us that we could purchase a bench for placement on the grounds with a plaque attached.

We held a meeting with the board members present and emailed the members for a vote and it was unanimous to purchase the bench for approximately four hundred pounds. The manager advised that he was in the process of finding a new vendor for the benches but he would let us know when he found one.

Fast forward to the Stone Mountain Highland Games and David and Loulie were in attendance.

Kari and myself gathered everyone together and told them the story of the bench. They both were very surprised to say the least as well as the others that were not in Scotland.

Kari told them where we had selected to place the bench. It will be along a path under a shade tree looking out over where the people of Glencoe met their fate at the hands of the English.

I urge you when you visit to rest yourself and remember those that lost their lives that day.

This is my final letter as the President of Clan Henderson. I have thoroughly enjoyed my years on the board and worked with some mighty fine folks. You will be hearing from me occasionally as I plan on attending more games outside of Florida to help raise more Clan Members especially in Alabama and Mississippi.

I hope to see more of you in my upcoming travels and as always if I can help anyone at a game or festival please let me know.

I would like to end with Quoting two of my favorite comedians, Bob Hope and Red Skelton,

"Thanks for the memories" and "May God bless you" *Larry*



Clan Henderson

Clan Bard

Woody

Henderson

Exeter, California

Oaken halls crowned with aureate flame
Quietly whisper the words of your name.
Who shall wander forth from that place
To gather the heroes slain?
Falling to slumber on the battle-plain
Where warriors reach the end of their
skein.

Then open fly the gates of the rowan
halls;

Who can tell me that Valkyrie's name?
Crimson-gilt leaves fall to the ground
Gently brushing your face without a
sound,

As you lie in the hall of the oak and the
ash

Topped by their golden crowns.
I stand watch as you lie in the fallen
verdure

As the wind carries away your quiet
murmur.

Your whisper lilts gently across the
gilt meadow;

Against your tide, how can I endure?
A cool breeze rustles the titian leaves
Stirring the walls of golden sheaves
My love, come and join the eternal feast
'Neath the orange-crested eaves.



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Please use your member number when you contact the Clan Henderson Society.



Our writers, photographers this issue

Woody Henderson, **Laura Ladymon**, Mark Henderson, FSA Scot, **Charles B. Henderson**, Larry James Henderson, **David S. Henderson** and Loulie Henderson, **Elton Stilwell**, Steve Henderson, **Evelyn Fite**, Leon Hicks, **Jim Henderson**, Joe Henderson, **Jackie & Larry Phillips**.

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The evolution of Highland Dance

Laura Ladymon

Throughout the world of Highland dance, there's an evolution happening, slowly but surely. While keeping the strength of our traditions, Highland dance is transforming into a broader version of itself.

Those familiar with Celtic dance forms will remember the explosion of popularity Irish dance received during the height of Riverdance and Lord of the Dance. Suddenly, everyone wanted to do Irish dance. With that popularity, instructors started increasing the difficulty of their choreography and dancers stopped wearing the more traditional costumes and opted for flashy, rhinestone covered dresses.

It was, and continues to be, a bright spot in the history of Irish dance.

Highland dance is currently experiencing an evolution similar in many ways while remaining true to our heritage. We aren't opting for sequins on our kilts — and we never will — but the dress tartans chosen by dancers are straying away from the more traditional tartans like Dress MacDonald and into more modern interpretations like Bonnie Shadow or Dress Lime McKellar. The colors are more stylish, more eye-catching to people outside the Scottish culture world.

In the past 10 years, Highland choreography

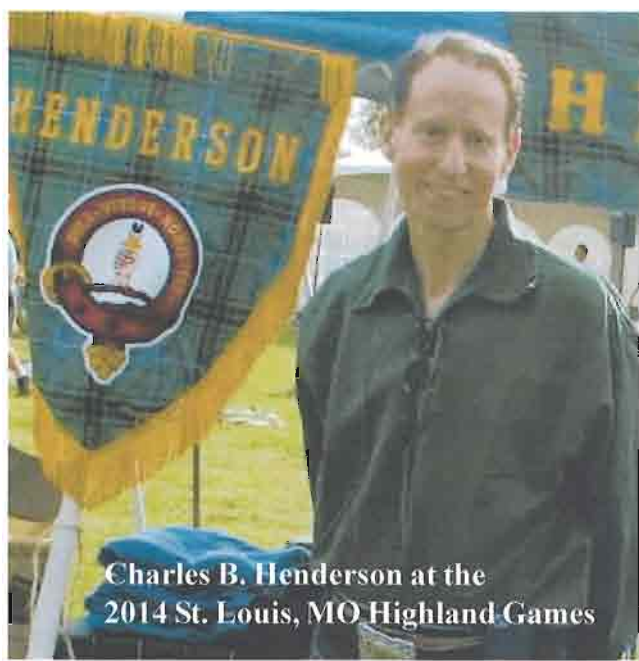
competitions have grown exponentially, encouraging the creativity of dancers and instructors to take the traditional steps of Highland dance and mold them into something new. It gives dancers a chance to let their unique



personalities shine through. This has branched out to dance performances as well, and in the past few years dance troupes specializing in creative performance have sprung up.

Troupes like Flings & Things, helmed by former World Champion Rachel McLagan, perform with bands like the Red Hot Chilli Pipers and Whisky Kiss, marrying a modern vibe with traditional steps. It's a growing trend that serves to create more popularity for us, yet doesn't take away from the pride of tradition in Highland dance.

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Charles B. Henderson at the
2014 St. Louis, MO Highland Games

The Evolution of Highland Dance,

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As a Highland dance instructor and performer *and* a public relations agent, I'm excited about the steps my art is taking to increase interest. My own dance troupe has latched onto this idea with relish and revolutionized not only our performances through fun choreographies, but also the presentation of our traditional dances. This has expanded how much history we are able to share with our audiences (Highland dances each have a background story from Scottish history) and has increased the amount of people approaching us afterward to ask how they can get involved.

Throughout the US, many areas saw a decline in Highland dance through the nineties. When I began dancing in 1997, I was one of five Highland dancers in Oklahoma. For several years, I was the sole dancer in my state. Now, Highland is an art form on the rise, and I'm thankful to say it's rising the right way. Tradition is still strong, and our modern aspect is becoming strong too.

Laura Ladymon is a 27 year old Highland dance instructor and performer from Yukon, Oklahoma. She owns the Ladymon School of Scottish dance, is the Chief Development Officer for the United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma, entertainment coordinator for the Iron Thistle Scottish Heritage Festival, and dance coordinator for Oklahoma Scotfest.

Clan Henderson Membership Pins

Awarded in
September, October and November 2014

Mark Henderson, PSA Scot

Membership Secretary



Twenty-Five Years Membership

Elisabeth Evans, Millington, TN; **Douglas W. Henderson**, Rocky River, OH; **Ronald Henderson**, Cartersville, GA; Marian Henderson Leslie, Abbeville, SC; **Thomas L. Loftin**, Diamondhead, MS; Marjorie D. Menees, Port Orchard, WA.

Fifteen Years Membership

Patricia F. Cheshire, Tallahassee, FL; **James Henderson Ellett, Jr.**, Franconia, VA; David F. Henderson, So. Charleston, WV; **Donald A. Henderson**, Huntersville, NC; Mary E. Henderson, Nashville, TN; **William G. Henderson**, Bedford, IN; Kimberley Maddox Lamb, Alexandria, VA; **Geraldine R. Lee**, Brandon, MS; Dr. Janelle L. Rivers, Columbia, SC; **Roberta F. Stoddard**, Laurens, SC.

Five Years Membership

Katelind Elder, Grand Rapids, MI; **Garland S. Henderson**, San Antonio, TX; Charles (Bill) Henderson, Jr., Coraopolis, PA; **John D. Henderson**, Holly, NY; Jeffrey Schuh, Santa Paula, CA; **John W. Webster**, Drexel Hill, PA; John W. and Linda Word, Birmingham, AL.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Loulie & David Henderson write us a letter!



"For the summer of 2009, a huge clan gathering was planned for the Queen's Park in Edinburgh. For months before - hard disaster was predicted: no one would come, it was too expensive and the clan pavilions would be the resort only of a few pathetic enthusiasts.

But, in two days of glowing July sunshine, sixty thousand appeared as if from nowhere.

No one expected the throngs of North Americans, Australians and English expatriates, many of them kilted and tartaned, all of them delighted to be with people of the same name.

For a sunlit moment, clanship was reborn."

Alastair Moffat, The Highland Clans, Thames and Hudson, 2010.

Our Henderson Clan from America as well as our chief, Alistair Henderson, from Australia, and his family were there.

Our piper, Laurent Brakmeyn, from Belgium and his family were with us the entire trip.

It was glorious!

During this tour, a group of us visited other places including Glencoe.

Our "cousin" across the pond, Jean Henderson, arranged a ceilidh performed by a group of extremely talented young people on the night we arrived.

The following day, we observed a memorial led by the Rev. Fred Sanford, our Clan Chaplain, service at the Episcopal Church. We were served a delicious luncheon prepared by the local ladies.

As a result of this warm and gracious hospitality our group of Hendersons who attended the festivities at Stirling this past summer, returned to Glencoe.

It is a small village of incredible beauty surrounded by magnificent mountains.

You will read about this trip in this issue of *An Canach*.

While there, our very good friends arranged for a bench to be placed at the Glencoe Visitor's Center with our names engraved on the plaque.

We are deeply grateful to be honored in this way.

If you go to Glencoe and see our plaque, please know that it represents each and every one of you.

Many, many thanks.

Loulie and Dave Henderson

Thank
You

Howdy! As your new editor, I'd like to thank you for the great honor which you have given me. I am No. 12 Henderson, so, have been a Clan Henderson member since the beginning...and have many beloved friends amongst our cousins.

My Tom (Freeman) has created our beautiful masthead on the front page (and more) which we hope you enjoy. He loves Clan Henderson too!

To get to know us, you might like to email me at bethscribble@aol.com and ask for our digital goodies we did for our friends at Christmas this year. They are: *My Border Reiver Album* and *How Tom Went from Two Wheels to Four*.

Biloxi Scottish Games & Music Festival

Steve Henderson

Roving Convener, Clan Henderson

Steve Henderson writes, "I am a roving convener for our clan. I attended a small gathering in mid-November. I talked to everyone there, I think. We talked about the Clan Henderson Society. Clan Henderson was one of only eight clans who attended these games. The others were: Clan Keith, Clan MacKay, Clan Campbell, Clan MacNab and Clan MacGregor.

When crowds were sparse, I talked with the conveners of the other clans. Only four people with Henderson backgrounds came - and they were all on their maternal sides.

Everyone with Henderson genealogy received one of the green postcard applications which help you find the CHS website and follow-up by sending a check to our membership department.

Other people with whom I communicated seemed pleased to find what their clan tartan looked like and how they might go on the web and find more about their lineage.

I have five books about tartans and clans and all of them were used during the two days.

I was honored to represent our clan at this festival at Biloxi, Mississippi.

I'm in my fourth month of my two year journey around the USA and I will go next to Louisiana, Texas and New Mexico before getting into Arizona for some spring training baseball in April.

Of course, I will attend festivals and games if I am within 500 miles of such an event.

Travel is good and being a representative of Clan Henderson Society is a role I embrace.



(Top) Sue Hoffman and Roland Bartoo carrying the Clan Henderson flag during the opening Salado Parade. (Below) Lynn Stilwell relaxing after a long day of events.

Salado Scottish Gathering & Games

Elton Stilwell

Comfort, Texas

The 53rd Scottish Gathering and Highland Games were held from November 7th through 9th in the central Texas town of Salado. This is the longest running Scottish event in Texas and was brilliantly organized and presented by the Central Texas Museum in Salado. The weather was perfect, although a bit chilly at night (a pleasant change from the rather warm Texas autumn). The gathering brought pipers, dancers and athletes from all over Texas and some local Celtic entertainers to enliven the mix.

Each Highland event is somewhat different; San Antonio and McDade/Sherwood gatherings are about games and music performers and Salado was for pipes and drums more than anything. Six pipe and drum bands were present there. I haven't heard as much glorious bagpipe music since the Edinburgh Tattoo. We had the Silver Thistle Pipes and Drums from Austin, the North Texas Caledonian Pipe Band from Dallas, the Fort Worth Pipes and Drums, the St. Thomas Episcopal School Pipes and Drums from Houston (who had two bands), both A and B competing groups), and the Espada Pipe Band from Georgetown, Texas. The hills and glens rang to the sound of the pipes.

Thirty-eight clans and societies answered the calling of the clans in the dim light of a chilly Friday

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Highlight on a Clan Henderson Member

This issue: Gabby Ryan

This issue we highlight Gabby Ryan, CHS #3984, living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Gabby comes to be a Henderson by way of her 4th great-grandmother, Elizabeth Henderson, who married Joseph P. Haynes in Stewart, Tennessee back in 1848.

When younger Gabby trained and performed in Irish Step Dance, she enjoyed making Celtic knotwork and using that in the jewelry and knitting pieces she did make and makes now.

Gabby is home schooled and is a High School Senior and will attend Oklahoma City Community College in the fall of 2015, majoring in music and minoring in business.

Her passion is spreading the love of music to students of all ages, as well as running her business, Crafty Dragon.

She is currently learning the Irish language, as well as her other senior year studies.

Gabby plans to apply for a Clan Henderson Scholarship to help defray the cost of college.

She founded her business, Crafty Dragon, in the spring of 2009. Crafty Dragon sells handmade products ranging from knit and crochet accessories to semiprecious jewelry and sewn designs. Gabby built her business from the ground up, which required much research, new skills and computer programs.

Her favorite aspect of running a business is the satisfaction of seeing a happy customer enjoying their new handmade item.

Her designs have been worn by several authors and featured in a local fashion show.

Crafty Dragon thrives on in-town sales, as well as selling at consignment and art shop DNA Galleries, located in the Historic Plaza District in Oklahoma City. Crafty Dragon can also be found on Etsy at www.craftydragonlife.com and also at www.craftydragonlife.etsy.com

Gabby competes in statewide piano competitions and receives high scores and honors each year. She has received the Claudia Busse Theory Award, the James M. Breckenridge Repertoire Award and the Clarence Burg Achievement Award as well as the Oklahoma City Pianists' Club Senior Award.

She also volunteers for the Central Oklahoma Music Teachers Association (COMTA) and is a camp counselor for Kamp Keyboard during the summer.

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From the Clan Henderson Society Website:

October 23, 2014 - GREAT NEWS! Clan Henderson Society set a new record last night for a single day new members signing up for CHS on the Internet.

When I checked my email this AM - overnight we had received new members from these states: WA, MT, NM, VA and FL.

We also got a query from Ireland about joining!

The "new member packets" are going out in today's mail.

Mark Henderson, FSA Scot
Vice President, Membership

Salado, Texas Scottish Games,

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evening, including six Hendersons; Sue and Dick Hoffman, Roland Bartoo, Lynne and Elton Stilwell and Richard West. This was followed by a short walk to the museum for a light dinner social and music by Carl Peterson, a Scottish singer from Greenock, Scotland.

Sunday night we had the Tartan Dinner with a ceilidh. Clan MacDuff was the honored clan this year, but I hear that next year, it will be Clan Henderson's turn. We look forward to seeing you all at Salado in November 2015.

By late Sunday afternoon, the last caber had been tossed, the last note had been played. The fields of Salado were again silent. The only music came from the passing crows which also seemed to enjoy the gathering because there were so many of them present.

So, we drove home on Sunday afternoon with fond memories of the pipes, the dancers and all that we had seen and enjoyed; especially good friends - old and new - and our take home Bridie dinners from our favorite food vendor - The Scottish Pie Shop.

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She currently works for her piano teacher as a monitor, which involves helping students with their repertoire, drilling them on techniques and running the front office.

For fun during the holidays, she hires herself out as a Christmas Pianists for parties and shoppers at Penn Square Mall.

To all members of the Henderson DNA Project:

Family Tree DNA is now allowing people that have taken an AncestraDNA or 23andME (V3) test to transfer their raw data to the Family Finder database for FREE by visiting www.familytreedna.com/AutosomalTransfer

That's right! Pass this news along to your friends and family members that have tested with Ancestry.com or 23andMe so they can add their results to the Henderson DNA Project.

Of course, there's always a catch. Autosomal raw data cannot be transferred to an FTDNA account that already has Family Finder. Other than that little caveat, this is a good deal. Please pass it on to other Henderson relatives who have tested outside of the FTDNA service.

What's in it for you?

After transferring, you'll get your TOP 20 MATCHES, complete with their surnames and relationship predictions. You don't have to do anything after uploading your data to see these matches. You've got nothing to lose.

Contact me if you have questions at jimhen45@gmail.com

Jim, James E. Henderson, Administrator
Henderson DNA Project

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*Our Yummiest
Recipes to
share
with our
Henderson Cousins*



Mo Leannon's Dragon Elixir
AKA Friendship Fruit from Beth

This is a copy of an old newspaper article I found in Tom's mother's things. I had made the concoction a long time ago and lost the recipe. I am tickled to find it once again.

The "starter" is a renewable gift.

Celebrate the holiday season by sharing a "Starter" with a neighbor or friend. Maybe you are thinking of a "starter" for bread, however, we are referring to brandied fruit. This originally came from a 1903 cookbook.

In an apothecary jar, combine layers of fruit and sugar, cup for cup. Use any combination such as fruit cocktail, peaches, apricots, pineapple, cherries and pears. Canned fruits should be drained and cut into pieces. Be sure to put in some maraschino cherries.

Cover fruit and sugar mixture with brandy or cognac. Allow to stand for two or three weeks before using. You stir the mixture at least once a day.

Additional sugar and fruit should be added as the mixture is used. Fresh fruits may be used in season.

Use this as a sauce for ice cream, sponge cake, custard or in recipes requiring fruit.

If your jar gets too full, share a cup with a friend or neighbor, along with a copy of the recipe.

When you give the starter, be sure and tell the recipient to add a cup of sugar and a cup of fruit and allow it to mature for two weeks...then add more fruit and sugar. Leave for two weeks, stirring each day.

Send your own Yummy Recipe to bethscribble@aol.com for *An Canach*.

**Clan Henderson,
Scottish dancing
...and me**

Evelyn Fite

I went to my first Celtic festival, the Central Virginia Highland Games and Celtic Festival, when I was a year old. According to my parents, I was right up front at the massed bands, saying, "Hi! Hi! Hi!" to all the pipers who passed.

Every year, my parents and I would go to the games in Richmond. We'd eat some shortbread, peruse the stalls and clan tents, watch the athletics and see the dancers. I loved watching the Scottish and Irish dancers. When I was seven, I decided I wanted to be a dancer.

At that years' festival, my dad and I talked to a few people.

A few weeks later, I tried out a class. It stuck.

I started dancing everywhere, all the time. After two years of dancing, I wanted to start competing.

For competing, I have two main outfits: In Highland dances, I wear a kilted skirt. In Nationals dances, I wear a white dress with an arisaid over the shoulder, held by a brooch.

Even though I was related to the Hendersons and Grahams, so, for the brooch, I bought a clan badge of

the one to whom I was most related - the Hendersons.

Then, my grandfather became excited about genealogy.

See?

My great-grandmother's last name was Henderson. When her son, my grandfather, started tracing his family tree, he followed it to



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Richmond, VA: October 25-26, 2014

Commissioner Mid East Region

Mark and Sandi provided an extensive graphics display that he/we used to provide interesting aspects of Scottish history and the relationship to Clan Henderson's history.

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Tom Clonts, a Clan Henderson bodyguard, was also present for both days of the event. His services were invaluable.

The level of effort that goes into setting up a tent, unpacking and packing, is a daunting task.

Tim was also instrumental in soliciting support of others to support this task as well. Primary among these were James Cipolina and Rita Mele who joined the clan this weekend. James and Rita have been frequent visitors to Clan Henderson activities and we are extremely pleased to have them as members of the Clan Society. James and Tim stayed on to the bitter end to help pack everything in the car. Thanks again!

Evelyn Fite, continued from page 11

Scotland. Up til then, he had not known that Henderson was a Scottish clan at all.

When he told my parents and me that he had traced the tree to Scotland, we told him about the Clan Henderson...and then we started learning more about it.

Now, my parents and I seek out the Hendersons at the festivals which we attend.

We go to a lot of Celtic festivals because of my competing: five total in 2014. I have been dancing for five years now and hope to continue as long as possible. Dancing has helped me connect with Clan Henderson. The next time I need a kilted skirt, I'll connect clan and dancing even more with a Henderson kilted skirt.

See you at the festival!

Brittany and Jeremy Lussi (Head Bodyguard Clan Henderson) and their three sons joined us on Saturday. Jeremy and Tim provided the bodyguard contingent for the Parade of Clans.

Iain Henderson, the son of Marc Anthony Henderson, carried the banner.

We had over 22 members visit the tent. This may be a record. We had five new family memberships in addition to James and Rita, we also had Judith Gindhart, Tommy and Tychell Henderson, Paul and Debra Self and Elizabeth Dechent - all of whom joined Clan Henderson. One of our special members, Jean Madden, brought her Great Pyrenees dog, Henry. Henry was a huge attention-getter. He was prominent in the Parade of Clans. One might say that Clan Henderson has gone to the dogs! In addition to Henry, we had Caledonia, a small Shih tzu of Ann and Leon Hicks, Mark and Sandi's two dachshunds (Low Backed Haggis Hunting Hounds) and a Scottie owned by Dennis Henderson and Pat Tremain.

Based upon this year's turnout, next year, we may rent two tents to accommodate everyone. Other members who visited the tent include Mark Anthony Henderson of Manassas, Glen and Toni Henderson of Richmond and Carolyn Jarrells of Powhattan, Virginia. My apologies to those members not mentioned. Sometimes the sign-in form is not very legible.

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**Jayce Cameron
Carlson**

Son of
Marliann
Daughter of
Corinna
Daughter of Dean
Henderson...
Grand Nephew
of
Chris Henderson!

Born 2 October 2014
8 lbs and 9.4 oz.,
21 inches tall

Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Games, continued from page 12

I'd also like to take this opportunity to publicly express our appreciation to Blind Squirrel Productions, sponsors of the Central Virginia Celtic Festival & Games and Stokes Mccune and Amanda, principal organizers who did such an excellent job making this one the best event of the year!



The Tradition Continues!

Highland High School - Bakersfield, California



A year ago, this group of three students and their teacher, Doug Burdick, who is also an alumnus of the school, brought back the school's tradition of pipers, which had been discontinued.

Their first performance was in June, at their high school graduation ceremonies where they followed the tradition of leading the seniors into the ceremony.

The pipers are: Tyler Allen, Doug Burdick, Anthony Lee and Brendan Allen.

The school is Highland High School, "Home of the Scots" in Bakersfield, California.

Anthony Lee is the son of Kacey Pipkin, a member of the Clan Henderson Society.

History of the Scottish Infantry Regiments

Part 1

Elton Stilwell

Back in the 1950s when I was stationed at Prestwick, Scotland with the United States Air Force, I became acquainted with some of the legendary Scottish Infantry Regiments. I worked with a couple of Scottish Fusiliers veterans and got to know many others during my stay in Scotland. I listened to tales of the Highland Light Infantry (HLI) and Royal Scottish Fusiliers in North Africa and Europe during World War II. The Scots Fusiliers and the Highland Light Infantry had fought their way across North Africa to defeat Rommel's German Army and provide the turning point of the war. I met a veteran of the fabled 42nd Black Watch Regiment which marched out of the Choson Reservoir in Korea with the U.S. Marines to the sound of bagpipes.

During World War II there were tales of German units fleeing before the battle pipes and swinging kilts of the Seaforth Highlanders, the Camerons and Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who the Germans called the "ladies from hell." These were some of the men and the regiments that had been the backbone of the British Army since the seventeenth century.

Where are all those fabled Scottish Regiments now? Who is left to sing the tunes of glory of the Scottish soldier? I went looking and found most of the units still alive and well in the Royal Regiment of Scotland (RRS), although not all in the same form as previously known. Between the 1950s and 2005,

when a United Kingdom government white paper completed the consolidation process, there were a series of "amalgamations" (the official term for lumping together) of the various regiments.

I was present January 1959 as a USAF guest at one of these amalgamations: The Highland Light Infantry (HLI) and the Royal Scottish Fusiliers (RSF) into the Royal Highland Regiment. Over the next 46 years, a number of these amalgamations took

place in an effort to streamline and economize the British Military. Almost all the old regiments, however, are still represented in the Royal Regiment of Scotland (RRS), but in a down sized form with different missions. As it might be supposed, this lumping and down-sizing of the historic Scottish regiments caused a good deal of hard feeling, both among the people of Scotland and the soldiers whom it directly affected. I will, in future columns, try to give the history and composition of each regiment, but for now, let's look at The Royal Regiment of Scotland.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland

The Royal Regiment of Scotland (RRS) is now the only Scottish Infantry Regiment of the British Army. It consists of four regular and two territorial (reserve) battalions, plus an incremental company to make up the Scottish Division, with regimental headquarters in Edinburgh castle. The regiment is primarily a kilted one, which is a change for the older Lowland regi-

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Bremen Union Church, Bremen Maine, has a Kirkin'o'th'Tartans

Mark Henderson

Pastor Kathleen Maclachlan, a member of Clan Henderson, led a Kirkin'o'th'Tartan worship service for her small, rural church. When the idea was first proposed, the congregation expressed concerns ranging to everything from blank looks to concerns about “folks feeling left out.” However, the Pastor, being the stubborn type (a Henderson trait?), educated, soothed, explained, and promised that having a Kirkin'o'th'Tartans was a good idea her tiny church on the coast of Maine.

Not a single person in the congregation, including the Pastor Maclachlan, had ever attended a Kirkin'—though a handful had been to various highland games and Scottish Festivals over the years—so it was indeed a bold undertaking. However, a staunch faith in God, and a willingness to embrace that a Kirkin' is as not as much about being Scottish (in fact, it was “invented” by an American), as it is about being part of a community—a community of many individual families with diverse heritages, as well as a single church family, united by a common faith in God.

The date of Bremen Union's Kirkin'o'th'Tartans was set to coincide with the Church's annual September Homecoming Sunday with the thought that both share the theme of family. The congregation also decided to follow the Kirkin' service with a traditional

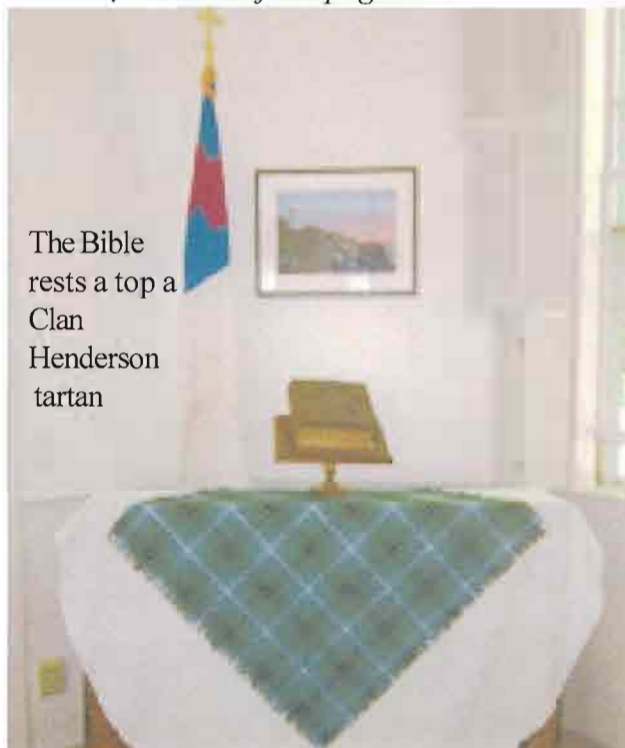
picnic, though with an emphasis on Scottish fare and beverages. Finally, thanks to template for conducting a Kirkin'o'th'Tartan posted on the Clan Henderson website, they developed a customized order of service for their Kirkin' that fit their own space and worship traditions.



In anticipation of the event, tartans were ordered for those who already knew of that part of their heritage; the Church also ordered display tartans that would encompass groups within its congregation – such as a firefighter's tartan, the Maine State Tartan, St. Andrews USA tartan, the US Air Force tartan, and the All-Ireland tartan. The congregation also encouraged each other to find a tartan to wear if they were part of a clan. For those with no obvious clan ties, Maine State Tartan ribbons were handed out. In all, eighteen different clans were represented that morning and received the blessing. And what fun it was for Pastor Maclachlan to share her research on the ori-

gins of their little church: That though it is now an independent Christian church without denominational ties and was known to have been the meeting place for both Congregationalists and Methodists earlier in its history, it was originally established by the Presbyterian Church and was first served by the Rev. Alexander McLean, who had

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been educated in Scotland.

A piper, Mr Steve Gorry supported the worship service and he played "Flowers of the Forest" in conjunction with a necrology that was included with the worship service. The necrology honored those members of the church family who had passed on since the church reopened in 1991. The pastor choose to go back that far since this was the church's first Kirkin'. As Pastor Maclachlan read each name, a white carnation was placed in a wreath of ferns—honoring that person's memory. What wasn't anticipated was the intensity of the emotions evoked from this part of the service; tears were evident in many eyes. The Kirkin' worship service closed with "Amazing Grace" sung by the congregation and then continued by Piper Gorry as he slowly moved outside.

Feedback from those formerly critical of the idea: "The most meaningful worship service I've ever been part of." "We are going to do this again next year, aren't we?" "How can we get involved when we do this again?" So, sometimes that Henderson stubbornness gene is good to have, especially when your name is now Maclachlan.

Special thanks to Pastor Kathleen Maclachlan for sharing this experience with us.

ments which traditionally wore tartan trews (Tartan Trousers). The Royal Regiment of Scotland wears the government tartan 1A, which is basically a Sutherland version of the Black Watch tartan, but the pipes and drums of each battalion continue to wear the ceremonial uniforms and tartans of their former units.

All the battalions wear the Lowland pattern Glengarry with a Black Grouse feather, or the Tam O'Shanter bonnet with different colored hackles to denote their unit. The new regimental cap badge incorporates the Saltire of St. Andrew and the Lion Rampant surmounted by the Crown of Scotland. Each battalion retains its own pipes and drums. The regiment is one of only two British line infantry regiments to have its own military band formed from the Highland and Lowland band of the Scottish Division, while each of the individual battalions retains something of its history in its marching and pipe music. All battalions took the name of their former individual units to help preserve former regional identities.

The Royal Regiment of Scotland was initially formed with six regular battalions on 28 March 2006,



but by August of that year, the Royal Scots and the Kings Own Scottish Borderers battalions had been amalgamated into the 1st Battalion, Royal Scots Borderers, based at Dregghorn Barracks in Edinburgh. The 1st Battalion wears the black hackle on the Tam O'Shanter and continues to recruit from the

southern border area of Scotland.

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Ann Hicks,
Peggy Sanford
& Fred Sanford
at the 2014
Scotland
County
Highland
Games
in Laurinburg,
North Carolina

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The 2nd Battalion, the Royal Highland Fusiliers, an earlier amalgamation of The Highland Light Infantry and the Royal Scottish Fusiliers, is based at Glencourse Barracks in Penicuik, Scotland. They wear the white hackle on their Tams and continue to draw recruits from their old Strathclyde area of Glasgow and Ayrshire. They share, with the Borderers, a light infantry role in the 19th Brigade.

The 3rd Battalion, the Black Watch (red hackle) is based at Fort George, Inverness, from which it trains and rotates with the other battalions to serve in England and overseas with the 52nd Infantry Brigade, a position it shared with the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders until 2012 when the A & S was downgraded to an incremental Company. The battalion continues to draw recruits from Aberdeenshire.

The 4th Battalion, The Highlanders (blue hackle) is made up of the former Seaforth, Gordon and Cameron Highlanders and serves as an armored infantry permanently based at St. Barbara Barracks.

The 5th Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders had rotated between duty with the 52nd Brigade and an air assault role with two other infantry battalions in the 16th Air Assault Brigade, Howe Barracks in Canterbury England. In 2012, however, it was announced that this unit would be reduced to the status of an incremental company (Balakava Company) and become a permanent duties unit in Scotland, while still retaining its name and history. They still wear a green hackle on the Tam.

The two Territorial Battalions are the 6th Battal-

ion (52nd Lowland), and the 7th Battalion (51st Highland) who come under the 51st (Scottish) Brigade and are called to duty as needed. The Territorial battalions also have their own pipe bands. The RRS also has its own Parachute Display Team (The Golden Lions), and shinty team (The Scots Shinty Club).

Less it be thought that the Royal Regiment of Scotland is only a pretty pipes and drums unit, it should be kept in mind that each and every regular Battalion has seen duty in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003, some of them before the inception of the new regiment. The Black Watch and the Scots Fusilliers were active in the early days of the Iraq war. These and other battalions have rotated through Afghanistan since the beginning of that war, and all have suffered casualties, even to this date.



Now that we have weathered the confusion of amalgamating all these famous regiments, we will try, in future columns, to explore the history of each former Scottish Regiment separately.

Scotland County Highland Games, Laurinburg, NC October 4, 2014

Leon Hicks

Commissioner, Mid-East Region
Clan Henderson Society

It was a wonderful venue and the first time Ann and I have visited this festival.

We were accompanied by Peggy and Fred Sanford who had attended this festival on one previous occasion.

Our objective was to determine whether or not Clan Henderson should regularly attend this event.

While this games is not within my jurisdiction as Mid-East Commissioner, it is fairly close to our home in Southport, NC and would be easy to convene there.

Peggy, Fred, Ann and I have determined that we will definitely convene a Clan Henderson tent at this festival next year.

Being held in Scotland County, there are obviously a lot of folks in that region of Scottish ancestry.

The event is held on the historical site of the John Blue Plantation. It is a beautiful site with a lot of live oak trees surrounding the area. The site even has a miniature railroad. Many adults and children enjoyed

traveling around the gathering by this means.

There are a number of historical buildings on the site to include homes that date back to the early 1800s. The site is also not too far from Moore's Creek Battlefield where Scots fought against Scots during the American Revolution.

It is also the same community as St. Andrew University, a university that sponsors many Scottish cultural events, pipe bands and athletics, and lectures on the subject of Scottish immigration to America. Obviously, this is the perfect location for a Scottish heritage event.

The Highland Games were well attended. According to officials, this was one of the largest crowds they have had.

I'm sure this was in part due to the beautiful day.

Nearly all of the major Clans (except Clan Henderson) were represented.

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Your butter can be Scottish Coo Patties.

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Now you make a delicious bread pudding, with LOTS of raisins. This magically becomes the Auld Scottish treat known as "Spotted Dick."

Don't laugh now. Tom and I did just this at Hogmanay this year with The Kingdome of Raknar at Lucas, Kentucky where the Glasgow Highland Games are held each year.

We did get a little bit fancy...as Tom designed "covers" for the bucket and boxes that come from KFC...all correctly identifying the goodies as Scottish Gourmet Delights. FUN!

If you want to serve this meal...just email me, bethscribble@aol.com and ask for the covers for the buckets and boxes. We'll be happy to send you some. You can change the names to fit your own family... Aye, beth



Clan Henderson Society members John & Sherrilyn McKendry, Joe Henderson, Mary Dobrzanski, Kacey Pipkin with son, Anthony Lee - all get ready for the Clan Parade of Tartans on Saturday at the Seaside Highland Games, Ventura, CA..

Laurinburg, NC, continued from page 19

We were very fortunate to be hosted by Clan Graham, the Honored Clan. Margaret Graham and the Chief of Clan Graham, Richard Graham were especially hospitable and we look forward to host them next year. We were also hosted by Clan Colquhoun, Clan Kennedy and the Scottish Society of Wilmington. Clan Colquhoun allowed us to put our banner outside their tent and even allowed us to have a Clan Henderson sign-in sheet in their tent. (Thank you, Beth Calhoun! Beth is also a member of Clan Henderson.) We were also fortunate to be able to march in the opening parade even though we did not register nor convene a tent. "The Hendersons are here!" was heard loud and clear across the parade field.

We were pleased to have Jim Tucker stop and sign in. Jim has been a Clan Henderson member for 18 years.

A thank you goes out to Peggy and Fred Sanford for their continued support of Clan Henderson and their outreach efforts to encourage greater participation and growth of membership.

Seaside Highland Games

Ventura, California October 11-12, 2014

Joe Henderson

Commissioner California, Nevada, Hawaii

The second weekend of October was again the time for the Annual Seaside Highland Games Festival at Seaside Park in Ventura, California. This was the twelfth annual festival and games sponsored by the Seaside Games organization. This year, the Honored Guest was James McBain, Chief of Clan McBean/McBain. We were also fortunate to have the Third Marine Aircraft Wing Band from the MCAS Miramar Base in San Diego to attend and perform on Saturday during the Games.

Mary Dobrzensky and John and Sherrilynn McKendry provided invaluable help and assistance as co-convenors with me at our Clan Henderson tent for the weekend.

We were fortunate that it was warm and sunny all weekend - great weather for the many activities there.

The Sheraton Four Points Hotel was the location again of the "Scottish Evening," featuring a whisky tasting, a buffet supper, musical entertainment and a kilted fashion show.

This year's festival include a Scottish Fiddle Competition, a display of British cars, the 42nd Black Watch Highland Society exhibit, the Los Angeles Fife and Drums and a Children's Glen.

Visitors were able to attend workshops of Gaelic language or genealogy, or watch herding dog demonstrations, competitions of darts, bagpipe solos and bands, drum majors, Scottish athletics and Highland dancing.

Entertainers, including the Celtic Spring, Hidden Fifth, The Browne Sisters with George Cavanaugh, Men of Worth, 1916 Ploughboys, a gathering of harpists in the different stages throughout the weekend. The Royal Scottish Country Dance Society also performed traditional Scottish dances on both days.

Eleven pipe bands were entered in both band and individual competitions, including the famous Los Angeles Scots Pipe Band, the UC Riverside Pipe Band and bands from Arizona, California and Utah.

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At Ventura, Tom & Shannon Huskey with Joe Henderson.



Mary Dobrzenski and Judith Freeman lead Clan Henderson in the Parade of Tartans with Anthony Lee, Sherrilyn and John McKendry and Kacey Pipkin.

Our Henderson Genealogy and how it works

Steve Henderson

Clan Genealogist

This is the way our files are set up for genealogical work and the storage of our family trees. All the family trees that were turned into Horace Lofton or James Henderson were recreated on Ancestry into one huge tree called Henderson Consolidated Family Tree. This tree is ever growing and is marked as "private" when you are in Ancestry.

What does this mean?

This means that you may find the Name and other data matches your search data your search data that you put in, but there will be nothing else but a message that says to contact Steve Henderson for more information. This is where I have the opportunity to communicate with, hopefully, a future member.

The Henderson Consolidated Family Tree pres-



ently contains over 84,000 people, 134 photos and 2331 records. There are also over 43,000 hints and 1700 photo hints to go through. This keeps me fairly busy each day. This Consolidated Tree was sent out to a dedicated group of our members to then divide into single family trees. This resulted in an additional 470 trees being created. I have since added another 100 or so trees for new members and ones not in.

What do I need from you?

I need an email to ensure your family is in our Consolidated Tree and a single tree is made for just your family. Please send an email to hendersongen@bellsouth.net with the following information: Your name and member number, your parents and grandparents that are Henderson related with when and where born/died. This will allow me to check that they are in the tree and if not, I'll have something to look for.

In case you have no email, call me at 904-287-9990. Once your tree is checked or newly made, you should receive from Ancestry an email giving you the link to your tree that I made. They will have you set up a password for your access and explain how to use it. You would be able to look at all records that I attach and send me comments as to errors that you can find. You can also add photos and print what I've put in.

You will not be able to do research from your tree unless you join Ancestry and I change the tree to allow it. I will usually allow you to see living persons on your tree, others looking at the same tree without your permission level will not see them.

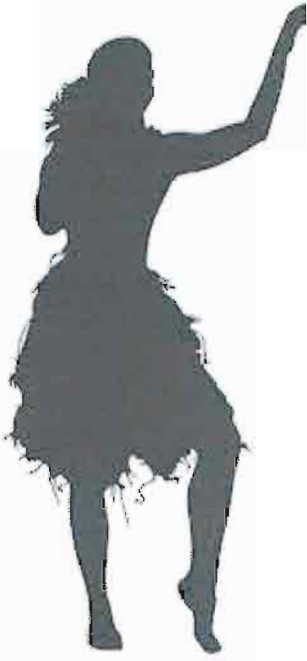
For all inquiries, please send them to hendersongen@bellsouth.net with the subject filled in to make it easier for me.

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Sixty-five other clans and Scottish societies set up tents to represent their membership along with Clan Henderson at the festival. Members and visitors who stopped by our tent included Mary and Will Dobrzensky, Kacey Pipkin with son, Anthony Lee, Nellie Lowery, Judith Freeman, Jo Henderson Mitchell, Jane Henderson D'Sano, Margaret Walpole, Roberto Henderson, Jeremy Henderson, Glen Henderson and Tony and Shannon Huskey.

We were saddened to hear on Sunday that our long time member, Pat Henderson Huskey, passed away on Saturday night. Pat had attended all of the previous Seaside Games and she will be missed.

Many thanks to Will Dobrzensky and John McKendry who provided the photos that are displayed and for their invaluable help at our Clan Henderson tent.



Clan Henderson's Jackie & Larry Phillips honored in Hawaii

Clan Henderson's Jackie and Larry Phillips were honored last Burns Night in Hawaii. They were named Scots of the Year 2013 for Hawaii by The Caledonian Society of Hawaii.

Both have helped and been on the boards of both the Caledonian Society of Hawaii and the Hawaiian Scottish Association since

locating to the island eleven years ago. Even before they were Hawaiian residents, they helped with setting up the Scottish festival for years by taking their vacations to represent Clan Henderson for the then area commissioner, Larry Mae Phillips who would not fly.

The Hawaiian Scottish Festival was held at McCoy Pavilion in Ala Moana Beach Park. Again this year, Jackie danced with her hula sisters and helped teach the Highland dancers a hula.

On Sunday, at the Highland dancers break, they performed *Lovely Hula Hands* on the main stage. The sharing of culture is very important here, especially if it's fun.

The Hawaiian Scottish Festival will be held again at the McCoy Pavilion, April 10-12, 2015.

Larry Phillips was elected Chieftain of the Hawaiian Scottish Association for 2015.

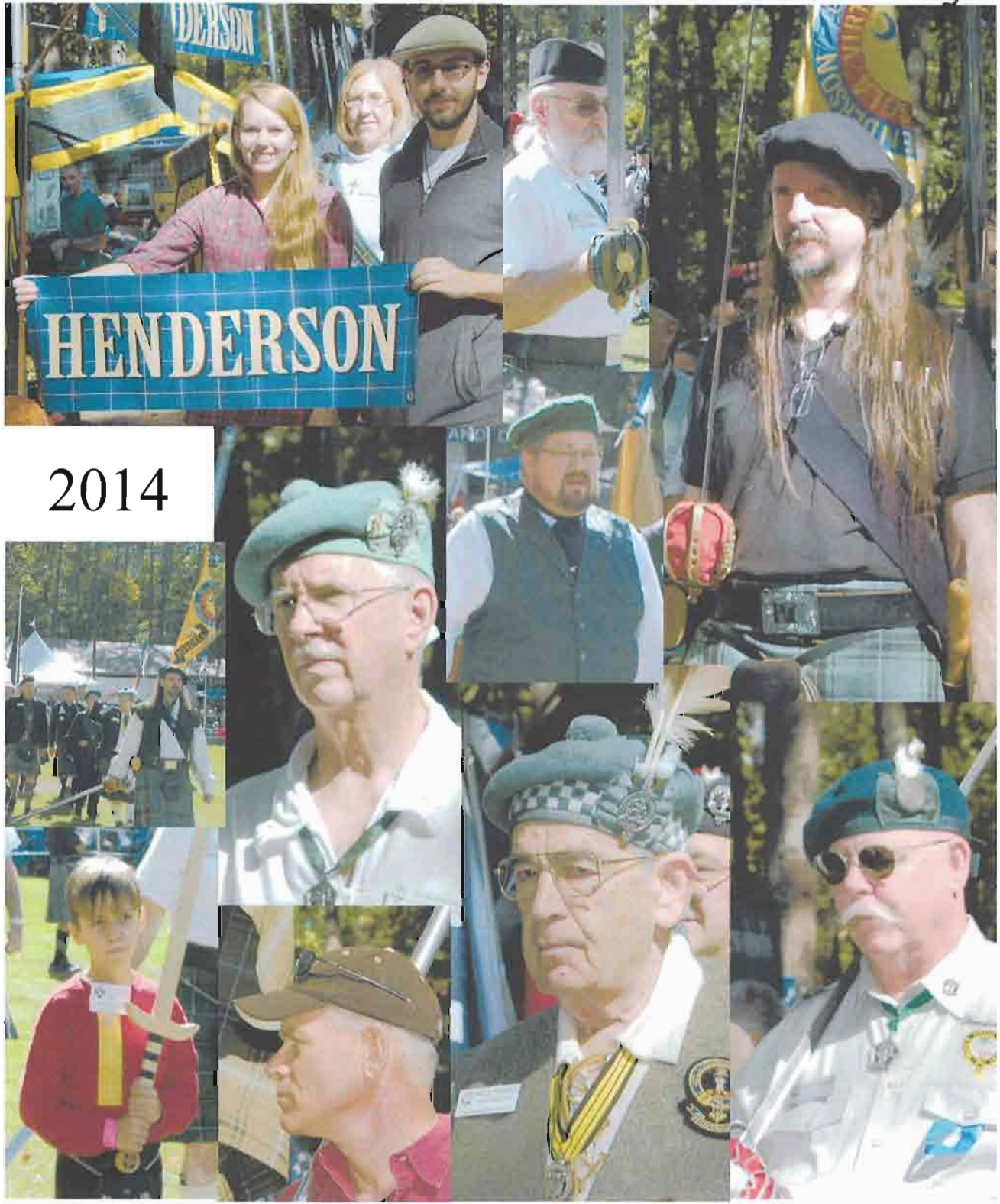
The 2015 events will start earlier next year with a Scotch Tasting on March 27 and a Ceilidh April 10th - the night before the festival. You may check www.scotshawaii.org for more information.

On June 21, 2014, Jackie Phillips, along with her hula sister, Audrey Kahakui participated in the 1st Commonwealth Ceilidh in Hawaii. The event was sponsored by the Royal Scottish Country Dance Society (RSCDS) and began in New Zealand at 7:30 PM and ended in Hawaii, all locations started at 7:30 PM their time. Each location was asked to have local dancers participate with dances from that location. Being the last location, we placed a lei on a globe of the world, symbolizing Scots around the world.



Above: Bruce McEwan, Audrey, Mary, Lillian, Jackie and Michael surrounding the globe. Right, Larry & Jackie, Scots of the year.

Stone Mountain Highland Games with the Clan Henderson Society



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